

**MINUTES OF  
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GOVERNING COUNCIL  
September 8, 2015  
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL  
1730 Montano Road, NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

Present: Jeff Li, Ira Cooper, Jill Riester, Cindy Carter, and Joanne Li

Absent:

Administration: Mary Jane Besante and Stan Albrycht

Note taker: Joanne Li

Jeff called the Regular Meeting Governing Council to order at 4:30 p.m. and confirmed a quorum was present.

**Approval of meeting agenda:**

Joanne's motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Ira and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Review and approve Annual Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2015**

Cindy's motion to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2015 was seconded by Jill and passed unanimously.

**Review and approve Special Meeting minutes for August 27, 2015**

Joanne's motion to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2015 was seconded by Ira and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action – Finance Committee**

- a. **BARS** – One Bar for Lease Reimbursement \$287,506 - Cindy's motion to approve the Lease reimbursement bar #529-000-15160002-IB was seconded by Ira and was passed unanimously.
- b. **Expense Reports** – Copies of the expense reports were passed out to the council members for their review.
- c. **Chair – Update** – Met with the auditors for the entrance conference. Expect them to be done with onsite work this week and done the following week.

**Director's Report**

Mary Jane presented her Directors report to the GC. Our student count for this year is currently at 400. See attached report for details.

**Discussion/Action – Amending of Governing Council Bylaws for School's name Change**

Jeff's motion to update the Governing Council Bylaws for the school's name change from "The Montessori Elementary School" to "The Montessori Elementary and Middle School" as well as the acronym "TMES" to "TMES/TMMS" was seconded by Cindy. Jeff took a roll call vote:

Cindy – Voted Yes  
Jill – Voted Yes  
Ira – Voted Yes  
Joanne – Voted Yes  
Jeff – Voted Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Note: At 4:53 – Jill had to leave the Council meeting for another appointment

**Discussion/Action – Establishment of standing council committees (Finance, Audit and Nominating):**

The following council members will be part of the following standing committees:

Finance – Jill and Ira  
Audit – Jill and Ira  
Nominating – Jeff and Cindy

**Discussion/Action – 2015/2016 Council Training**

The council discussed their upcoming annual council training. The majority was in favor of having a similar training session given by Patty Matthews. Everyone is to look at their calendars to see what dates might work for them.

**New Business – Next Regular Meeting:** October 13, 2015

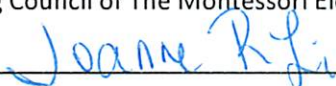
**Adjournment**

Cindy's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Ira and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary and Middle School

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Joanne Li, Secretary